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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/722,441; Filed: November 28, 2000
For: **Increased Lysine Production by Gene Amplification**
Inventors: Hanke *et al.*
Our Ref: 1533.1030002/SRL/SEZ

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO 1449 citing two (2) documents (AL2 and AS11);
3. A copy of the cited documents (AL2 and AS11); and
4. One (1) return postcard.

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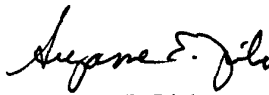
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Respectfully submitted,

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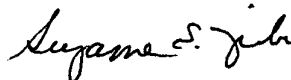
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